

WEST LAWN UMC

December 29, 2024

IT'S A
Wonderful LIFE



SERVE MEAL AT HRM

Sunday, December 29 / 4-7PM
Mike Stephens
mike@skcoinc.com
Sign-up: [website](#) / [app](#)

Play an integral role in serving those in need at Hope Rescue Mission. Join our HRM team with preparing, delivering, and serving a meal to the HRM residents. To carry out this ministry 6-8 people are needed each month. No long term commitment. Sign-up once or multiple times. Contact Mike if you have questions.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 8 / 7PM
Community Center / Conf Rm
Donna Barnhart / 610-468-7551
dmhart2@gmail.com

Women's Book Club will meet in January to discuss the book *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Nepolitano. Come join the discussion! Contact Donna for more info.

2024 GIVING REMINDER

Reminder that all 2024 giving **must be received or be postmarked by 12/31/2024** to be reflected on your 2024 Giving Statement.

2025 PLAN FOR GIVING

If you have not already made your 2025 plan for giving commitment, we invite you to do so on our website. Scan this QR code to access the confidential Treasure Form.



LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Wednesday, January 22 / 1:30PM
Educ Bldg / Room 109

Your life has changed forever and the daily emotions are hard to bear. Loss of A Spouse provides practical advice, coping skills, and support.



**FLOWERS MAY BE PLACED ON THE ALTAR IN HONOR OR MEMORY
OF LOVED ONES BY PLACING AN ORDER.
(2 slots available per week)**

[To place an order for flowers, contact:](#)

Acacia Flower Shop / 610-376-8767 / acaciaflowershop@gmail.com

GRIEFSHARE SESSION

Wednesdays, Jan 29—Apr 30
1:30PM / Educ Bldg / Room 109
Register: [website](#) / [app](#) / [office](#)

Griefshare is a 13-week recovery support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Here you'll find understanding, guidance, relief, and a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. Come join us!

WINTER FELLOWSHIP TIME

Before or After Worship
HE-brews Café / Lower Level

For these cold winter months, Sunday morning fellowship is back INSIDE! Enjoy fellowship and refreshments each Sunday.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Save the date: Friday, Jan. 24

West Lawn is planning is a "Battle of the Sexes" Trivia

Night for all adults in the Community Center. Join us for a night of fellowship, food and laughter as we determine which sex knows more!

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

Starting February 2025: West Lawn will offer a series of Marriage Enrichment classes for couples. Vow that 2025 be the year of improving your relationship with that person closest to you. More details coming soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 1 | OFFICE CLOSED |
| Jan 1 | Pork & Sauerkraut Meal |
| Jan 12 | Baptism/Join Sunday |
| Jan 17 | Wilson Area Food Pantry |
| Jan 21 | United Women in Faith |
| Jan 22 | Loss of a Spouse |
| Jan 29 | NEW Griefshare Session |
| Jan 24 | Battle of the Sexes Event |
| Jan 26 | Coffee with the Pastors |

2024 SUMMARY as of 12/22/2024

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| In-Person Worship | 375 |
| Online Worship | 108 |
| Sunday School | 124 |
| Tithes & Offerings for week | \$32,394 |
| Monthly Income To Date | \$97,832 |
| Monthly Income Goal | \$134,105 |
| Budget Income to Date | \$1,291,632 |
| Budget Goal (12 months) | \$1,394,722 |



DOWNLOAD
THE WLUMC
APP TODAY!



PASTORS

Tom Ebersole, Lead Pastor
Chris Hardy, Associate Pastor
Pat Goshert, Congregational Care
Terry Cooney, Visitation Pastor
Nick Camacho, Latino Ministries

Do you have an announcement to advertise or information that needs to be communicated to our church community?

Email the details to announcements@westlawnumc.org.

VOLUNTEER

SIGN UP



Be the hands & feet of Jesus this month as you volunteer in any of these ministries & missions of WLUMC. Check the boxes & return this form to the Welcome Center, Church Office or Offering Plate.

Questions? Contact Kelly Rismiller at 610-507-9141, kelly@westlawnumc.org

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Friday, January 24 - While the adults are enjoying a "battle of the sexes" trivia night in the Community Center, we're seeking another group of adults and youth to entertain the kids in the Education Building. Activities and snacks provided! 6:30-9 PM

Sunday Night Childcare - Beginning in February, West Lawn is offering a series of five marriage enrichment courses. While parents participate in this class, babysitters are needed for children age 7 and younger. 6-8 PM, 5 Sundays total, Feb.-May

Photographer - West Lawn is seeking a skilled photographer to roam our campus and take pictures of worship, ministries, mission work, preschool and more. Choose a few days and times this winter to help build our photo library.

Indoor Fellowship Hosts - Sunday morning fellowship has moved inside for the winter. Consider joining our Hospitality team one Sunday in the HeBrews Cafe to help serve coffee, replenish snacks and clean up the supplies. Any Sunday, 8:50-11:15 AM

Sunday Night Security - The West Lawn campus is booming on Sunday nights with kids & youth. We're looking for a rotating team of adult "roamers" to help secure our campus while our group leaders and children deepen their faith and friendships through games, food and focused lessons. 6-8 PM, one Sunday a month

Battle of the Sexes

TRIVIA NIGHT

West Lawn's Men's & Women's Ministries invite all adults to the Community Center on Friday, January 24, for a lighthearted night of trivia game play. The evening will be a battle of the sexes, with the men competing against the women, in a game of wits and knowledge. Gather at 6:30 PM for some casual finger foods and refreshments, followed by a surprise, "who wears it best" runaway event, then the trivia game.

Admission to this event is a donation of new, unwrapped women's or men's underwear, which will then be donated to our local homeless shelters. The gender that donates the most undies wins bragging rights for a year!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

6:30 PM
Community Center



WLUMC PRAYER ROOM

HOW TO ENGAGE IN WLUMC PRAYER MINISTRIES:

1. WEBSITE: Under the WORSHIP/PRAYER REQUEST tab.
2. WLUMC APP: Under the GET CARE/PRAYER tab
3. CALL PRAYER CHAIN: Anna Bickhart / 610-670-1671
Mabel Reighley / 610-678-5141

** Notify a pastor or the office if you or a loved one is hospitalized or placed in rehab.*



PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY:

- Friends & family of Gail Kahn on her passing
- Sharon High & family on the passing of mother Jean Eisele
- Sue & Dan Allan on the passing of Sue's mother Betty
- Andrea's family on her passing

PRAYERS OF HEALING:

- Healing from cancer; strength and courage for the fight
- Those waiting for: diagnosis, biopsy, treatment
- Recognition, commitment, recovery from addiction
- Peace and healing from mental and physical illness

PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT:

- Homeless, abused, hungry people and animals
- Those unable to come home for Christmas
- Those grieving especially during the Christmas season
- Those struggling with anger, feelings of failure & lacking hope
- Discernment, resolution and healing in relationships
- Worldwide peace and civility; an end to wars and hatred
- Safe travel for all

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

- Praise for all of our blessings & the best gift ever—the Christ child!
- Thanks for all for your prayers—Cindy

12/29/2024

HOSPITALIZED

Judith Goodman
Kim Hershman
Harriett Ziegenfuss

OUR MISSION PARTNERS

Opp House
Family Promise
Hope Rescue
New Journey

THE UMC

Bishop Cynthia
Moore Koikoi
Rev. Evelyn Kent-Clark
WLUMC Staff
Our Leadership Team

THE WORLD

The Leaders of the World
Our Armed Forces & their families

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| Lois & Bill | Bill | Edna | Emily Jentes & family | Kim | Tom S. | Jandrew family |
| Joe Boyle | Linda | Meriam | Justin & daughter | Amy | Marilyn | Samantha |
| Kris & family | Debra | Mark | Cindy, David, Teddy, Greg | Roy | Janine | Martin family |
| Bev & Eli | Drew | Ernie | Bill, Justine & baby Joy | John | James | Mike, Mick, Tom |
| Terry & Mike | Lisa | Keith | father & daughter | Scot | Betty K. | Manga family |
| Emily & Jon | Erika | Ronnie | Heather & Mitchell | Jim | Patricia | Coakley family |
| Nancy & Bill | Shana | Declan | Rauenzahn family | Susie | Hannah | Kathryn Wasser |
| Jim & Patty | Eloise | Billy H. | Dan, Chris, Angela, Sue | Ray | Megan | Richard Mextorf |

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here!

New in the pew? If you are visiting West Lawn today, in person or virtually, let us know by texting "Hello" to 610-672-7347.

LOOKING FOR:

- A seat in worship
- Nursery
- Classrooms
- Prayer Room
- Restrooms
- Need a Listening Aid
- Guest WIFI Password
Rejoice!

Ushers & Greeters will be happy to help you.

At our Welcome Center

you will find:

- Our Prayer Page
- Announcement Flyers
- Information on Classes and Groups
- **Visitors:** Bring your Visitor Card found in the pew racks to trade in for a gift!



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www.westlawnumc.org
Office Hours: 9AM-4PM M-F

WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

MESSAGE

Pastor Tom Ebersole

WORSHIP LEADER

Kelly Rismiller

"It's a Wonderful Life: A Great Gift"

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:9-12 (NIV)

TRADITIONAL ORDER OF WORSHIP (8AM & 11AM)

PRELUDE

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

OFFERING / OFFERTORY / DOXOLOGY

HYMN

SCRIPTURE / MESSAGE

HYMN

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

HYMNS

UMH #245 - *"The First Noel"*

UMH #230 - *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* (vs. 4 only)

UMH #94 - *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #219 - *"What Child Is This"*

UMH #224 - *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*

OFFERTORY

Christopher Rodgers, piano

"Reflections on 'O Holy Night'" (Joel Raney)

SCRIPTURE READERS

Bob Grant (8AM)

Carolyn Ortwein (11AM)

PRAISE MUSIC (9:30AM)

Worship Team, Jayme Raffauf, Director

"Christ Be Magnified" (Cody Carnes)

"King Of Kings" (Hillsong)

"Great Are You Lord" (All Sons & Daughters)

"Come To Save Us" (All Sons & Daughters)

"Good Plans" (Red Rocks Worship)